

CITY EMPLOYEES MUST GET WAGES

Ruling by City Attorney Affects More Than 1,000 on Municipal Pay Roll.

AUDITOR WARREN REVERSED

Salaries Fixed by Ordinance Have First Call, Regardless of Everything.

City Auditor Warren was reversed in an opinion rendered on Saturday by City Attorney Pollard to the effect that the salaries of city employees are not payable until the annual appropriation ordinance has been passed by the city council. Mr. Warren had previously ruled that the salaries of city employees are payable from the first of January as soon as the committee controlling the department meets and approves pay rolls, and most of the employees have been paid on that basis.

Mr. Pollard in effect holds that while no bills can be paid or expense incurred where there is no specific appropriation, the city cannot avoid the payment of fixed salaries whether the appropriation has been made for them or not.

That is to say, where the number of employees and their compensation is fixed by city ordinance, and where the pay rolls have been properly drawn and approved by the proper committee, the city must pay the salaries, no matter whether the appropriation has been made for them or not.

Meetings scheduled for this week, at most of which the mid-January pay rolls will be approved and ordered, will be held as follows:

Monday—Committee on Light, Committee on Water, each at 5 o'clock.

Tuesday—Committee on Streets, Committee on Ordinance, each at 5 o'clock.

Wednesday—Board of Aldermen, Committee on Electricity, each at 5 o'clock.

Thursday—Committee on Grounds and Buildings, 5 o'clock.

CHURCHES REPORTED

Police Find That They Have Failed to Remove Snow.

Reports of the names of residents, business houses, churches and schools continue to be made by the police for failing to clean their sidewalks of snow and the ice which has formed.

EXPLOSIVE IN FIRE

Warrant Sworn Out for Arrest of Negro Who Was Mad.

Susan Johnson, colored, yesterday caused a warrant to be sworn out for the arrest of Charles Miller, also colored, on a charge of disorderly conduct and attempting to blow up her home at 11 East Street.

False Alarm of Fire.

A false alarm of fire last night about 8:30 o'clock caused engine company No. 3 to Spark's Cafe, 112 East Street, and caused considerable damage to the property of the building.

SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

Cold weather brings distress to the poor. A little bank account turns the corner. One dollar starts an account.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

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RUSSIAN DANCERS DON'T FANCY OUR TURKEY TROT

That and the Bunny Hug Entirely Too Plebeian for Volinine, Who Describes It Through an Interpreter.

Mademoiselle Plaskowietzka, Kuhl, Mezowska, Scholz and Le Petite, Jamie, Monstrowski, Jorjanowski, West, Markowski and Volinine.

Be not afraid. This is not the list of a rabid crowd of anarchists imported from Paterson, N. J., for the purpose of annihilating any property interests in Richmond.

They will be seen at the Academy to-night, and if the advance notices sent out are any criterion, Richmond is destined to see an exemplification of the Terepshoren art, such as Lithuania has never witnessed before.

Seated at a table in the hotel which they call home during their short sojourn, the artists managed, through pantomime and through the aid of a friendly interpreter, to tell of all the things which they had seen and liked since their arrival.

Mr. Baldwin, a Richmonder by birth and education, is a specialist in water purification, having taken special courses at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and having been recently engaged in some experimental work for manufacturing interests at Saltillo, Va.

Since the resignation of Director Ezekiel took effect January 1, a gang foreman has been in charge at the water works, and having been recently engaged in some experimental work for manufacturing interests at Saltillo, Va.

PAXTON SUCCEEDS IN ENDING LIFE

Man Who Tried Suicide Some Time Ago Again Swallows Acid and Dies in Hospital.

Oliver T. Paxton, twenty-eight years old, a salesman, who drank a quantity of carbolic acid on January 4 in an effort to end his life, but who recovered about four days ago, succeeded in his desire last night, when he drank four ounces of the poison and died a short while after at the City Hospital.

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FIRST BAPTIST HAD GOOD YEAR

Membership Grows Even When Congregation Lives Far Away From Church.

COMMENDED BY THE PASTOR

Dr. McDaniel Gratified by Record Which Shows Great Interest in Work.

Contrary to the usual history of down town churches which decrease in membership and find it harder and harder to support their activities, reports submitted to the annual meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist Church yesterday showed an actual increase in the membership, now 1,244, and a gratifying condition in the various departments.

The meeting was held in the main church auditorium yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and was well attended, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

The Dorcas Society reported an expenditure in relief work for the poor of \$233.90. The Austin Bible Class reported similar expenditures amounting to \$107.

The report of the church treasurer showed the financial condition for the past year to have been better than during 1910. The expenses were less, and the collections more than in the previous year, a grand total of \$34,176.90 having passed through the hands of the treasurer.

The flower committee expended \$41 in flowers for the pulpit, the flowers being distributed to the sick of the congregation each Sunday night after the services.

Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., pastor, in a letter to his congregation commended the officers of the church for their faithful service.

At the annual meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist Church yesterday afternoon, a total number of members of 704 was reported, an increase of seventy for the past year.

Two Hurt When Range Exploded

Sudden Thawing of Frozen Pipes Caused Injuries in Lassiter Home.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lassiter, of 22-A South Adams Street, and her grandmother were severely injured and scalded early yesterday morning, when a kitchen range exploded, caused by the sudden thawing of the frozen water-bank when a fire was kindled.

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BIG QUESTIONS BEFORE BOARD

Aldermen to Pass on Important Matters at Meeting Wednesday Night.

MORE LIBRARY OFFERS

Understand That Other Citizens Will Co-Operate in Erecting Public Institution.

The meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Wednesday night will be of unusual interest and importance. From the lower branch among other papers, come the resolutions inviting Woodrow Wilson to address the Council and citizens of Richmond, and the resolution providing for a special committee to consider the offer of Thomas J. Todd and report on the feasibility of establishing a great public circulating library in Richmond.

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Gans-Rady Company's CLEARANCE SALE OFFER
Continues This Morning
Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats Worth Up to \$28.00 At \$16.00 Each

SILENCE MAY BE GOLDEN, BUT INTERVIEW ME, SAYS NISH

Fearfully Misunderstood, Mrs. Skillet Endeavors for First Time to Set Herself Right in the Eyes of the Oldest Families in Captivity.

When she trudged in through the snow early yesterday with a fresh pall of milk, Mrs. Nish Skillet remarked to Larkin, her firstborn, that it would make fine punch for the colonel, who was expected home in the afternoon from Bonn. She said the just of her neck for Nish positively refused to milk the Skillet cows without a jabot—and her hair was reached back and there was a happy smile on her face.

But there was no show after all. Larkin got back from the train ahead of the first arrival, and the news that his father had not arrived. However, the invited friends, being hungry, arrived promptly, ate, looked around, criticized and then drifted away out. They could not put in the show when the leading man was drunk.

Later in the afternoon, when a reporter who knows the Skillet quite well drove into Henricracker to interview Mrs. Nish, she was interviewed, but Nish insisted that he come in and warm himself, while the little Skillet stood about, tearfully, and asked for news of papa.

"Do you know," said Nish to the reporter, "I am sitting on the edge of an ice cream freezer. I am tempted to be interviewed myself. So many harsh and cruel things have been printed about me that I am afraid I am fearfully misjudged. I think it would say that it was a creation that must be viewed, without ever letting Willie know about it. If you will, I'll sit over there and not say a word."

Some Philosopher.

"Please don't ask me anything about referendum and recall, for I despise 'em. I would rather talk of life, my husband and my boys. When Tandy had the hydrophobia I didn't curl up and weep. I took it as it came. Now, it hadn't been that it would have been something else. Some of these days my boys will be marrying. I want them to be happy. I want to see everybody happy, and I want to see the old fashions come back. I want to see life as it is painted in Mr. Buck Royall's book. I don't want to see people like except when truth looks like trouble. I don't want to see any prohibition, because prohibition drives a man to drink. I want to see all these people who use the broad 'a' and who have a narrow mind put in jail. I want to hear the birds sing. I want to see the butterflies around and no flies around the butter, and I want a better line of credit. Maybe I won't see all of this again. I am going to cuddle up a little closer to lovey mine and see the love light in his eyes. There isn't anybody like Bill in all this world. The dashing cavalier, bless his old heart. I'm proud of him—proud of our ancestors—proud of that ancient lineage which dips back to the past of 1573. And I don't know what in the world I could ever do without Bill. But if the fates should ever be so cruel as to take him away, believe me, Bo, I will be some widow."

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